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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A cover section for a roof gutter, said cover section being fashioned to extend longitudinally in overlying relation to a length of the gutter, said cover section comprising:

a top portion extending forwardly from a rear edge of said cover section;
a front wall extending downwardly from the top portion;
a ledge extending generally horizontally from a lower section of the front wall;
at least one longitudinally extending ridge formed in the top portion; and
a plurality of apertures extending through the top portion ~~in front of and behind~~
~~the at least one longitudinally extending ridge~~.

2. (currently amended) The cover section according to Claim + 16 , wherein said cover section is integrally and unitarily formed from a single sheet of aluminum alloy having a thickness within a range of 0.016-0.032 inch.

3. (currently amended) The cover section according to Claim + 16 , wherein the top portion is provided with a hemmed rear edge.

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4. (original) The cover section according to Claim 3, wherein the top portion is provided with a clipped rear edge corner at at least one end of the hemmed rear edge.

5. (original) The cover section according to Claim 1, wherein the top portion is formed with an imperforate rear section, a midsection wherein the at least one longitudinally extending ridge and the plurality of apertures are disposed, and an imperforate, generally horizontally disposed front section.

6. (original) The cover section according to Claim 5, wherein the midsection is formed with a pair of relatively spaced apart, longitudinally extending ridges.

7. (original) The cover section according to Claim 6, wherein the apertures in the midsection of the top portion are disposed in front of, behind and in between the two ridges.

8. (currently amended) The cover section according to Claim 1, wherein the lower section of the front wall includes a downwardly and rearwardly inclined splashguard, said splashguard extending downwardly and rearwardly a distance less than the horizontal extent of the ledge.

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9. (currently amended) The cover section according to Claim 8, wherein the splashguard ~~has a length~~ extends downwardly and rearwardly a distance within a range of 0.25-0.75 inch.

10. (original) The cover section according to Claim 8, wherein the splashguard is provided with a plurality of ports.

11. (currently amended) The cover section according to Claim 4 or 8, wherein the horizontal ledge is provided with a plurality of ports.

12. (currently amended) The cover section according to Claim 4 or 11, wherein the horizontal ledge is provided with a ~~raised~~ front lip extending generally upwardly a distance less than one-half of the horizontal extent of said ledge.

13. (currently amended) The cover section according to Claim 1, wherein a gutter lip-mounting surface extends generally rearwardly from a front portion of the horizontal ledge, said lip-mounting surface being continuous with and generally vertically aligned with said ledge.

14. (original) The cover section according to Claim 13, wherein a space is provided between the horizontal ledge and the gutter lip-mounting surface.

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15. (withdrawn) The cover section according to Claim 13, wherein a free end of the gutter lip-mounting surface is formed with a downwardly and forwardly curved gutter-engaging flange.

16. (original) The cover section according to Claim 1, wherein a vertical distance d between an upper end of the front wall and the generally horizontal ledge is equal to or less than 1.5 inches.

18. (withdrawn) The cover section according to Claim 1, wherein the front wall is generally vertically aligned with an upper front corner of the gutter.

19. (withdrawn) The cover section according to claim 18, wherein the horizontal ledge extends rearwardly from a lower end of the front wall.

20. (withdrawn) The cover section according to Claim 19, wherein the horizontal ledge is adapted to be mounted on the lip of the gutter and wherein a downwardly and forwardly curved gutter lip-engaging end flange is provided on the horizontal ledge.

21. (withdrawn) The cover section according to Claim 1, wherein the front wall extends downwardly below and in front of the horizontal ledge.

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22. (original) The cover section according to Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of apertures is approximately 0.120 inch in diameter.